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2012 CALENDAR

Session A June 17 to June 30

Session B July 1 to July 14

Session C July 15 to July 28

Session D July 29 to August 11

OPENING AND CLOSING DAYS OF CAMP

Please note that all of Skylake sessions commence on Sunday and that all sessions conclude on Saturday. Skylake offers bus service on both opening and closing days to both the San Francisco Bay Area and to Los Angeles.

OPENING DAY

The gates to camp open at 12:30 p.m. on each opening day. Campers are greeted and escorted to the campfire circle to find their assigned cabins. Buses arrive normally at camp beginning around 1:00 p.m. The campers are quickly busy with camp tours, health checks, swim checks, and team building games. The first couple hours of a cabin group are very critical in forming a cohesive group. Parent involvement that occurs during this initial phase is not usually helpful and we therefore ask parents to spend enough time in camp to meet their child's counselor and to then say good bye. The last day of camp is much better suited to camp tours and getting to know the child's counselor. Skylake also provides private van service to and from the Fresno Airport.



TRAVELING TO CAMP

Traveling to camp with other campers on the Charter Bus is a great adventure to any child. In the spirit of adventure, a child is more inclined to make friends easily with other children in the group. Thus, before even reaching camp, the children have bonded with others and arrive in camp very comfortable. We strongly advise that all campers arrive in camp by bus.

Skylake must make arrangements early with the Charter Bus Company. Your assistance in making sure your registration information is correct will be most appreciated. Please call the office with any changes in travel plans.

The buses have bathrooms on board but do not carry potable water. Campers should bring adequate food, water and other refreshments for the four hour bus ride. There are always Skylake counselors on board the buses.

Los Angeles buses arrive and depart from the Federal Building located at 11000 Wilshire Blvd., Westwood 90024 adjacent to the 405 freeway. The parking lot in the back of the building is the loading area. The normal schedule is for L.A. buses to load at 7:30 a.m. and depart for camp at 8 a.m.

Please do not park in reserved parking spaces and do not allow dogs out of the car. Even though the building is closed the parking lot rules still apply. In the past the security guards have issued citations.

San Francisco Bay Area buses

• **The Emeryville location** - Boat launch parking lot located on Powell St. Immediately opposite the Hong Kong East Ocean Seafood Restaurant, 3199 Powell St., Emeryville, 94608. This location is approximately 1 mile west of Hwy. 880, just east of Bay Bridge.

• **The Palo Alto location** is at Park & Ride parking lot located at the intersection of Hwy 280 and Page Mill Road.

The normal schedule for both of these locations is to load at 8:30 a.m. and to depart for camp at 9 a.m.

Luggage space is limited on the bus. A soft duffle bag, for a two-week session, a school sized back pack for the bus, and a sleeping bag should be all that the campers need to bring with them. Campers staying for more than two weeks often enjoy the extra space of a foot locker. If you can't get everything into a large duffle bag you are probably bringing too much to camp.

The buses normally arrive at camp between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. The newsletter format on the e-camp portion of our web site will announce during the afternoon the safe arrival of the buses. There will also be photos posted of the arriving campers soon after their arrival.

*Please note that we do not have a formal check in at the bus locations until the campers are on the bus. Campers should get on the bus where roll-call will be taken. We ask your assistance in having only campers get on the bus.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

If you are driving to camp we are located approximately four and half hours from Los Angeles and four hours from San Francisco. Camp is located almost precisely in the exact center of the state, approximately mid way between Los Angeles and San Francisco, at the 3600 foot level of the Sierras. The camp is one hour drive time from Fresno. The nearest town is Oakhurst.

From Los Angeles you would exit highway 99 at Fresno onto highway 41. If you are coming from the San Francisco Bay Area you would exit highway 99 at Madera, follow the signs to highway 145, and then a left turn onto highway 41. The easiest way then to camp is follow highway 41 through the town of Oakhurst and follow the specific instructions below. Camp is located 15 minutes from Oakhurst.

Please be aware that most of the "on line" or G.P.S. driving directions to Skylake can be faulty. You might want to follow these fail safe directions:

- **Proceed through Oakhurst on Highway 41**
- **Turn right on Bass Lake Road/Road 222-large sign points the way**
- **Proceed on Bass Lake Road for 3.4 miles, up over a ridge and down to lake basin**
- **Turn right onto Road 222/South Shore Road for 0.3 miles - look carefully for this turn**
- **Turn right to "STAY" on Road 222/South Shore Road**
- **Bass Lake will appear on your left side after 1/2 mile, camp is 3.5 miles further**
- **Look for Skylake Sign at driveway on the right; proceed up the driveway to camp**

Camp is not visible from the road, we sit on a knoll above the lake. The camp docks are directly below camp and you will pass those just before reaching the Skylake driveway.

Our Coordinates:

37 degrees 18" 12,17" N

119 degrees 32'28,35" W

AIRPORT ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Fresno International Airport is located approximately one hour from Skylake. Skylake staff will pick up campers on opening days and escort campers on closing days to and from the airport at no charge. We ask that all arriving campers schedule their arrivals as close to noon as is possible. Campers departing camp should schedule their departure flights no later than 1 p.m. If special arrangements need to be made during a session for trips to and from the airport there is a \$100 charge.

BASS LAKE ACCOMMODATIONS

For those parents who wish to stay in the area either prior to dropping off or picking up their campers we suggest making reservations at one of the following locations.

This is a resort area so please book your rooms very early.

Château du Sureau - A Relais & Châteaux, world class accommodation. (559) 683-6860

20% Discount for Skylake Families

Yosemite Gateway Inn - The best motel in Oakhurst (800) 545-5462

Tenaya Lodge - A full service large hotel (800) 635-5807



Narrow Gauge Inn -3 miles from Yosemite Park Fish Camp (559) 683-7720

Pine's Resort - Expensive; on Bass Lake (800) 350-7463

Wawona Hotel - Cute but must call early (559) 252-4848

CLOSING DAY ARRANGEMENTS

All parents are invited to attend closing day at camp the last day of each session. The gate opens at 10 a.m. Time is set aside to meet the counselors, have an introduction of staff, brief awards ceremony, and have a light BBQ buffet lunch. Following lunch the campers say goodbye to the staff before boarding buses or private automobiles to return home. Everyone has usually headed for home by 1:00 P.M.

The buses normally arrive in Palo Alto and Emeryville shortly before 5 p.m. The L.A. buses normally arrive around 6 p.m. The newsletter format on e-camp is used to announce whether the buses have departed on time. The arrival times are then very predictable. If there is any information to provide regarding updates to the anticipated arrival times that information will be posted on line.

EXTRA DAYS AT CAMP

If you cannot get to camp by Closing day or will be unable to meet your campers when they return by Charter Bus, they may remain in camp overnight or until you return to a place to meet them. For each additional day in camp there is a charge of \$200. No campers may stay beyond our last day of camp which is August 11th. Unfortunately we are also unable to accommodate campers prior to their scheduled day of arrival.



CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST

This list is complete and covers everything necessary for camp. Please help your camper pack, know what goes in their trunks, and help us keep Skylake safe and fun. If you have any questions about the appropriateness of any item do not hesitate to call us.

- Laundry bag
- 1 Flat Sheet
- 1 Sleeping Bag
- 1 Pillow
- 2 Sweatshirts
- 1 Pair of Jeans (*1 additional pair if camper will be horseback riding*)
- 8 T-shirts or Light Tops
- 5 Pairs of Socks
- 3 Pairs of Shorts
- 8 Changes of Underwear
- 1 Warm Sweater or Jacket
- 1 Set of Party Clothes (*nice school clothes*)
- 1 Pair of Sports Shoes (*tennis or running shoe*)
- 1 Pair of Tevas (*or other open sandal with a back strap*)
- 2 Swimsuits
- 2 Bath Towels
- 2 Set of Night Clothes
- 1 Hair Brush or Comb
- Sunscreen
- Flashlight (extra batteries)
- 2 Water Bottles (*available at camp*)
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Cap with a Visor
- Shampoo & Soap
- Shower Clogs/flip flops

Campers desirous of going on a backpack trip should also bring solid walking shoes and a poncho. All other backpack equipment will be provided.

Skylake provides all of the athletic equipment so there is no need for gloves, bats, helmets, tennis racquets, etc., to be brought from home.

Please help us keep Skylake safe by not packing any products in aerosol cans. Sunscreen has become very popular in these cans. However, they are extremely dangerous and not appropriate for a camp environment. Please call us if you do not understand the significance of this warning.



SLEEPING BAG

Our cabins are open air and the evenings can get chilly. Sleeping bags are the easiest way to provide bedding. Many campers choose to bring a flat sheet for the mattress and sleep with the sleeping bag unzipped. This is more comfortable than being in a sleeping bag every night.

Campers that desire to go on overnight trips out of camp then can simply take the sleeping bag with them without having to bring additional bedding. "Sleep-over" type sleeping bags are not adequate, but there is no need for a 0 degree rated mummy bag. The most appropriate multi use bag would be a tapered 4# bag rated for 20 degrees.

In the past Skylake recommended a footlocker as the best form of luggage. However, with so many campers coming to camp for the shorter two week sessions, a soft duffle bag is very manageable. Campers coming for the longer four week stay may still prefer the footlocker as it offers easier access to personal belongings. The cabins do not really offer much in the way of hanging space and no drawers are provided.

CAMP VISITS

There are no scheduled times for camp visits for campers that are only at Skylake for two weeks. It may seem very long to you as a parent, but to the campers they are just getting into the flow of camp at the one week point, and visits are not helpful. Visiting days in camp are also very disruptive to the camp program. Campers attending Skylake for only two weeks have only one weekend in camp. That weekend is very busy with a "special event" day, an evening camp party, and a really nice reflective day on Sunday. There just is not adequate time in a two week schedule for parents visiting the campers.

Campers that are attending Skylake for four weeks may have parents visit during the session breaks. The gates normally open on each closing day at 10:00 a.m. and this is when visiting parents may arrive. If a parent does choose to take their child out of camp on this visiting opportunity there are a few procedures we ask you to follow:

- 1 . Please come to the office and sign your child out with an estimated return time.
- 2 . Campers must return to camp no later than 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, or if the camper is being kept out for the entire evening we ask that all campers be returned to camp between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. on Sunday.
- 3 . Campers are only permitted to leave camp with their own parents. Campers cannot leave with uncles, neighbors, friends, etc. There are no exceptions to this rule.

We also ask in consideration of the other campers that do not have family members visiting that campers and parents do not return to camp with treats for special friends. It is unfair to the other children who are remaining in camp without visitors. What this means is *"please do not go to Millers and pick up milk shakes for the chosen few."*

MAIL TO CAMPERS

Campers very much look forward to letters from home.

Mail should be addressed to:

Campers' First and Last Name
Skylake Yosemite Camp
37976 Road 222
Wishon, CA 93669



Campers love to receive mail from home. Letters are more fun than e-mails. All parents should really try to send regular letters or cards from home. This is particularly important the first couple of days. Mailing a letter on Saturday before the campers head for camp is a really good start.

MAIL FROM CAMPERS

"Rule of Thumb":

1. The unhappy camper writes home three times a day.
2. The happy camper never writes home.

Writing a letter is like homework to some of the campers, they really just don't like to do it. Skylake does require all campers to write a postcard home on the Thursday of their first week in camp. Often times, at least ten times each summer, the message is very simple: "Hi Mom and Dad, they made me write this postcard."

If you want your children to write, make it really simple for them. Send them with plenty of stamped and addressed envelopes. However, every child that comes to the office asking for stationary is provided paper, envelopes, postcards and we stamp the letters for them.

E-CAMP

Every camper as part of the Skylake enrollment procedure is enrolled in "E-Camp". E-Camp is a commercial offshoot of the enrollment program that Skylake uses for our on-line enrollment. The e-camp portion of this program is a fee based added option offered to parents. Skylake exercises that option for all families and pays the fee for all families.

In addition to the emails and photographs, the daily newsletter capability is provided with this system. All parents are advised to fully familiarize themselves with this portion of the Skylake Parent's section on the web site prior to your child arriving in camp. Skylake receives in excess of 2000 hits per day during our summer sessions by parents very anxious to see the photos and newsletters.

E-MAILS TO CAMPERS

Parents can take advantage of the e-mail system provided through Ecamp. Skylake purchases on behalf of all of its campers access to the system for e-mail and photographs. Skylake has arranged for all families to have 7 e-mails included as part of the service. Although the service would love to see you buy many more, Skylake believes that 7 e-mails along with a care package and a few snail mail letters are more than sufficient to bridge the gap. Skylake has therefore frozen the number of available e-mails at 7. E-mails are downloaded in camp each morning, and distributed with the mail usually at "shower hour."

In those situations where the children live in separate households from both parents or the campers have relatives desirous of also sending emails they can be sent directly to either natalie@skylake.com or jeff@skylake.com and then they will be delivered with all of the other emails,

CAMPER PHOTOGRAPHS

In recent years the posting of camper photographs on-line has become very popular. We will again be posting between 50 and 150 every day. We attempt to get a wide cross section of the campers and activities but cannot guarantee every camper's smiling face will appear on the internet. Please remember that some days we have no photographer available and on those occasions there will be no new photos posted. However, all photos that do get posted will remain available for the entire summer. You should be able to download photos daily. If you are desirous of purchasing photos from our service provider, the system will allow additional credits to be purchased after the summer sessions have concluded. If you do not see your child in any photos please give us a call after day six or seven and every effort will be made to get their smiling face on line. Some children run to the camera while others just head the other way.

CARE PACKAGES

The sending of fun care packages to kids at camp is an old tradition. It is a tradition we very much would like to retain. However, many camps have eliminated the practice entirely, and every other camp (to our knowledge), that still allows packages, prohibits all food and candy. We find that very sad. The joy of a fun package from home is unbelievable. However, the abuse of the practice mandates that certain rules be implemented. Your help and understanding in this matter is most appreciated.

Here are the simple rules:

1. Campers may receive only one package per week during their stay at camp.
2. The package can be no larger than a normal shoe box. (11" x 8" x 5")
3. Brothers and sisters should receive their own packages.
4. Packages that exceed the size requirement or the single package per week requirement **will sadly be returned to sender.**
5. Please communicate this policy to grandparents and other relatives. We do not enjoy returning packages of love.
6. Emergency packages for clothes or other essentials items can be arranged by calling the office.



DAILY NEWSLETTERS

The camp director writes a daily newsletter that is designed to give you a feel of what is going on everyday in camp. Included in the daily articles will be mention of the trips taking place, special day activities, prominent awards, weather, menus and other special events.

Everyone is advised to become familiar with our "Parents Log On" procedure so you will be able to access the daily photos and newsletters. The Parents Log On is located under the "Parent" link on the www.skylake.com web site.

HEALTH PROGRAM

Skylake has an infirmary on site that is staffed 24 hours a day by a Registered Nurse. The nurse handles all of the medication distribution, treats all minor cuts and scratches, and makes referrals to the local Doctor when it is deemed advisable.

All campers are required to have a current Physician's Report stating them to be in good health and free from a communicable disease. Upon arrival and at least once thereafter your camper will be checked by our camp nurse. All medications sent to camp **MUST** be kept in the Infirmary and is given only under the supervision of the camp nurse. **Please be sure the medications arrive in their original containers.**

Whenever a camper is taken to the Doctor's office in Oakhurst, you will be notified. In the event of any visit that requires follow up or clearly is more than an incidental visit you will be immediately called for consultation.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT

If this form is not completed, and your child is injured, medical care could be delayed because of the need to contact you. Please be sure to sign and date this form and return at your earliest convenience. This form is contained as part of the Medical History form and is available under the "Parent" link on the www.skylake.com web site.

HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Skylake carries liability insurance but does not carry day to day health insurance for the campers. Campers' individual insurance will be used for all illnesses or injuries that require treatment by a Doctor. Any required co-pays or costs of medications will be advanced by Skylake and then billed to the campers' trading post account. Please be sure we have a copy, both front and back, of your medical insurance cards.

HEAD LICE

In 2011 Skylake became aware for the first time of a minor head lice Issue at camp. Four families reported that their children returned from camp with lice. If the campers picked up the lice at camp it probably was either through a sharing of hair brushes or in the exchange of wearing helmets at camp. We now spray the helmets between uses and offer all campers a disposable shower cap to wear under the helmets. All parents can assist us in this endeavor by also checking your children before they depart for camp

HOMESICKNESS AND SEPARATION ANXIETY

First time separation anxiety is a real issue, not only for the camper but also for parents. We understand this and treat it very seriously. The most important thing to recognize is that it is totally normal, that it is an important element in maturity and learning to live apart from parents, and that a camp environment is about the best place on earth to experience this growth experience.

A camp environment is a special place where love and support is everywhere. It is a place like no other in a child's life. Camp provides the same type of love and support that a family does, but this time, without a parent present. It is this absence of a parent that gives a child the understanding that they are an Individual, capable of solving and dealing with issues without always needing a parent present. There is no greater skill we can assist a child in identifying, within themselves, more significant than this realization of self power.

There are a number of very clear and concise concepts in dealing with this in sending a child to camp.

1. Do not be afraid of the topic. It should be openly discussed.
2. Communicate with the child that the fear and anxiety is perfectly normal.
3. Communicate that there will be other children at camp with the same type of concerns.
4. Make sure the child knows that the camp staff have dealt with this type of issue and are trained to assist the child through any difficulties they may experience.
5. Be knowledgeable that the administrators at Skylake are available to speak with your child before they come to camp so they know there is someone at camp that knows them and is ready to personally greet them when they arrive.
6. Please DO NOT make a deal with your child that "if you don't like it, I will come get you." The first time a child is unhappy, they may hold you to that promise, and you will be left without any options. You can promise that if there are any problems you will be working with the Director and the counselors to make sure the child is happy.
7. You should discuss the topic long enough that your child becomes comfortable with the concept and is ready for the challenge.
8. If you cannot get your child comfortable with the concept of being away from home, your child may not be ready for camp yet.

Skylake is a home to 210 campers each session. Approximately 50 to 75 of the campers each session are at Skylake for the first time. In the first few days of a session it is very common to deal with three to as many as ten campers that are experiencing some level of homesickness. You should also be aware that homesickness is not limited to "first-time campers."



Skylake employs a number of techniques to assist children over the hump in getting comfortable at camp. Most of the time, the solution is relatively simple; we aim to keep the child busy and engaged. Homesickness is most prevalent during those times in the day when camp slows down and at bedtime.

Parents will be contacted immediately if it is a severe situation. The more common situation is that we work with a camper for a day or two, and then, if issues remain, we contact parents for assistance in looking for solutions that parent may believe would be helpful.

During the course of an entire summer only one or two campers normally go

home due to homesickness. We will work very hard to get a child to succeed in this incredible step in life; it is too valuable to give up on too easily. However, we will never keep a child in camp where it is evident they are so unhappy that success appears very unlikely.

PHONE CALL POLICY

Campers as a general rule are not permitted to talk over the telephone. Years of experience have convinced overnight camps that the “no phone call policy” reduces homesickness. This is a policy, it is not a rule carved in stone. There are limited situations where a phone call will be determined to be useful and it will be arranged. However, with history as our guide, a phone call with a camper who is having homesickness issues is usually the quickest ticket home.

Parents may always call camp if they have a concern and your child’s counselor or the head counselor will return your call. The normal time to return phone calls is after dinner at approximately 6:45 to 7:00. It is very difficult for the cabin counselors to make or receive phone calls during the day.

The Head Counselors are normally available during the day. The Skylake office is open six days a week from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. Normally Sunday the phones are not covered. Messages are regularly screened for true emergencies during the hours the office is closed.

CABIN GROUPS

One of the main experiences children have at a resident camp is developing friendships outside of their neighborhood, school or religious organization. Attending a residential camp enables children to develop these skills especially if they are separated from close friends. It is important that both you and your camper not be overly concerned on this topic. Our cabins have eight bunks. One is for the counselor and one is also often reserved for a CILT. This leaves only 6 or 7 campers in a cabin. This size is great for creating a family type unit and is one of the elements of Skylake magic. This does not however give a lot of latitude in meeting all of the varied cabin requests.

The first priority in establishing cabin groups other than age is an attempt to place all of the four-week campers in the same cabins. The next priority is to get a mix of old and new Skylakers’ in a cabin. The rough cabin assignments are made at this point. Cabin requests will then be honored to the fullest extent possible.

Skylake is divided into villages. Campers who have completed the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades are Chipmunks and Chickadees. Campers who have completed the 4th and 5th grades are Bobcats and Warblers. Campers who have completed the 6th and 7th grades are Bears and Tanagers. Campers that have completed 8th and 9th grades are seniors. Campers cannot be assigned outside of their grade appropriate village.

In addition, the Camper In Leadership Training program accepts four-week campers that have completed the 9th grade as CILT I's and if the camper is successful in that program is eligible to return the following summer as a CILT II. Upon completion of the 10th grade, only CILT II's are eligible to return to Skylake

The basic policy is that we should be able to honor one specific request to be with one specific camper. Any requests beyond this single request policy will be handled on a case-by-case basis. We attempt to make everyone happy but there are many issues to consider and it is very difficult to make any promises beyond the one request. Some age groups may only have two available cabins. Our flexibility in cabin assignments then becomes extremely limited. Although there are issues of parents and children having difficulty not being assigned to a cabin with a particular friend, the exact opposite can occur when too

many children from the same city or school are assigned together. We really will try to do our best. Please do not ask us to guarantee a cabin assignment.

If you have a major concern over cabin assignments please are sure to send an email to the office that will be filed with your camper's registration. That way, when the cabin assignments are made, and again when the counselors are reviewing all of the paperwork for campers assigned to their cabin, everyone will be alerted to potential problems.

LAUNDRY

All campers should have a closeable laundry bag that is clearly identifiable... All clothes should have either name tags or have names written on the clothes.

At least once during each session the camper's laundry is collected and taken to a commercial laundry in Oakhurst. All of a camper's laundry is washed in a single load. Therefore, lights and darks are definitely washed together. It is not recommended to send fancy clothes to camp—there is a chance they will not return in the same condition as when they arrived.

Occasionally a laundry bag is misplaced and never found. In that event Skylake will reimburse to a maximum of \$200 for lost clothes.

ALLERGIES AND SPECIAL DIETS

The Skylake kitchen produces almost 1000 meals a day. It is very difficult to accommodate significant dietary restrictions; however, we will do our best. Vegetarian and vegan diets are not a problem. However, we do not have the capability of preparing individual meals. The extensive salad bar that contains far more than just salad items resolves most of the food issues. If you have any concerns regarding this matter please contact the Director.



TRADING POST

The camp Trading Post is open to the campers most afternoons immediately after lunch. Candy bars, snacks, limited toiletry items, etc. are available to the campers. Skylake also sells t-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, hats, and other logo items. Campers do not have to purchase any item of clothing. However, they are extremely popular and many campers desire to make multiple purchases. Unless camp receives written authorization the maximum number of clothing purchases is three items.

A \$100.00 deposit is included for all campers at the time of registration. We attempt to control the spending of the children but sometimes that is difficult to monitor. Please advise your camper in advance that what they get from the Trading Post is charged to their account. No later than October 1st, your camper's Trading Post account will be balanced and you will receive a statement and your credit card will either be credited or debited.

YOSEMITE DAY TRIPS

Skylake uses 8 passenger vans to transport campers. Each morning at flag sign ups are taken for day trips into Yosemite. On average, we send vans to the Valley two or three days a week, normally two vans at a time. Campers that want to spend a day in Yosemite will have multiple opportunities to do so. All campers going to Yosemite will eat breakfast and then return to their cabins to get water bottles and comfortable walking shoes. The campers then meet in the dining hall to assemble their bag lunch for the trip. The vans usually leave camp by 9:30 a.m. and normally return around 5:30 p.m. There are a number of different Itineraries for these day trips. Some of the trips involve significant hikes while others are more of a scenic tour.

SENIOR AND CILT TRIPS TO MILLERS LANDING

If your camper is in the Senior or CILT Village they will be able to go Miller's general store starting their second week in camp. Therefore, if they are two-week campers, they will have one opportunity to go to the store. Campers should bring no more than \$10.00 for each of their possible visits to Millers. The most popular items are burgers and milk shakes. Campers that are in camp for four weeks would have three opportunities to go to Millers. Campers must consume all purchases prior to returning to camp and are not permitted to make purchases for other campers. Campers normally access Millers by way of canoes.



DAILY SCHEDULE



7:15 -	Reveille
7:45 -	Morning Flag (<i>Sign ups, Announcements & Roll call</i>)
8:00 -	Breakfast & Cabin Clean Up
9:00 -	First Activity Period
10:00 -	Second Activity Period
11:00 -	Third Activity Period
12:15 -	Lunch
1:15 -	Siesta (<i>in, on, or around your bunk</i>)
2:30 -	Cabin Group Activity on Major Days Swim Call/Land Activities on Minor Days
4:30 -	Shower Hour & Afternoon Snacks
5:45 -	Flag Retreat
6:00 -	Dinner & Songs
7:00 -	Twilight Sports
8:00 -	Campfire
9:15 -	Taps - <i>Senior/CILT Activities</i>

Skylake uses a very unique system for the camper's morning activities. Campers sign up for morning activities one week at a time, for those activities that occur on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. At the end of the first week, the campers select new activities for the following week, again for Monday, Wednesday and Friday. These days at Skylake are what are referred to as "Major Days."

"Minor Days" at Skylake are Tuesdays and Thursdays. The three morning activity periods on these two days, every week are open enrollments. The campers can go to any activity they desire. It is a day in camp that counselors create many new activities that are not normally part of the daily routine. Activities such as modern dance, yoga, Bob Dylan day on Guitar, Giant Swing, entire morning canoe trips to distant shores, and an endless list that is constantly changing are offered on Minor Days. The morning flag announcements are when the campers discover what will be new and different for that day. Most of the normal "major day" activities are also available on "minor days."

Attendance at all activities is mandatory.

Campers are absolutely prohibited from being in their cabins during morning activities.



SKYLAKE CODE OF CONDUCT

A summer camp is an attempt to provide young people a glimpse of a quieter and simpler life. Unfortunately some campers today are coming to camp with a behavior pattern which is not conducive to the spirit of Skylake. Skylake cannot change the way campers arrive in camp, but we can impose a set of standards that all campers will be required to abide by. Campers who violate the Code of Conduct may be sent home from camp. In that event, there will be no refunds. Please be sure to stress to your camper the significance of the Code.

Skylake attempts to avoid too many specific "NO" rules. We prefer to go on the more fundamental policy of our code of conduct. However, there is one area that Skylake needs to make very clear in advance. Campers are not permitted out of their cabin after "lights out" except to go to and from the bathrooms or if they need to go to the infirmary. Campers are subject to being sent home for a violation of this rule. Every case is decided on its own merits, but a single violation of this policy is grounds to be sent home.

The basic Skylake code of Conduct outlines that it is every camper's responsibility to show respect for the other campers, the staff, everyone else's property, and for the history and traditions of Skylake.

DRUGS AND ALCOHOL

We refer to Skylake as a safe zone. We therefore enforce a zero tolerance concept when it concerns campers or staff in possession of alcohol or drugs. Two campers were sent home in 2010 for violations of this policy. Thankfully, none were sent home in 2011. Whenever campers are sent home it is a very traumatic event at the camp and for all of the campers concerned.

CELL PHONES & OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES



Skylake is very intent on preserving an important element of what makes a residential sleep-away camp so effective in the emotional growth of a camper. The short term elimination of all of the distractions of home greatly contributes to our mission. Many campers, while at home, spend hours on their lap tops, cell phones, ipads, or any number of other internet devices. There is an **absolute prohibition of any of these items in camp**. Camp time is a time that these umbilical cords need to be cut. **Please be advised that any of these items brought to camp will be taken from the campers and NOT RETURNED UNTIL DECEMBER**. Any device that is "CAPABLE" of accessing the internet is not permitted in camp. It is not enough for a camper to say they will disable the items capability of accessing the internet. All parents are requested to assist Skylake in this requirement.

CAMP ADMINISTRATION

- **Jeffrey Portnoy** is the Owner/Director and is in residence at camp at all times. He can be reached either by email jeff@skylake.com or the office number (559) 642-3720. *Do not hesitate to call him with any camp concerns.*
- **Adrienne Portnoy- Durgin** is the direct assistant to the Director and is available at all times to receive your questions or inquires. She can be reached at: adrienne@skylake.com or by calling (559) 642-3720
- **The Head Counselors** can always be reached by calling the office at (559) 642-3720 or by email at sycheadcounselor@aol.com
- **Natalie Monsalve** is the Camp Registrar and Office Manager. She can be reached at natalie@skylake.com or (559) 642-3720. Issues regarding billing, buses, or administrative issues should be directed to her.

CANCELLATION

If you need to cancel, your assistance in advising camp of that at your earliest convenience would be appreciated. This will greatly assist us in meeting the needs of campers who are waiting for favorable word to get into camp. There is no cancellation fee prior to March 1st. Cancellations after March 1st and Prior to June 1st incur a \$250 fee plus actual transaction costs, cancellations after June 1st incur a 50% cancellation fee or the registration may be transferred to the following summer. There are no refunds if this option is exercised and the child does not attend.

PAYMENT OF TUITION

Payment for all sessions is due no later than April 1st. All families must have a credit card on file which will be billed on April 1st for all outstanding tuition. If this date causes any inconvenience please do not hesitate to contact the Director to arrange an alternative payment schedule.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

In the very unlikely event of a significant emergency, (severe earthquake, terror attack, etc.), unless there is no computer access available, we will post on a regular basis, minute by minute if necessary, all relevant information on our web site similar to the way we post our daily newsletters. If events have occurred that put in doubt the ability of the children to be picked up on days that sessions normally end, all children will be kept in camp until person to person contact has been made.

The primary means of communication to Skylake families will always be through the newsletter format found through the web site. Depending on the situation, Skylake may also use its mass email capability as well as our "call-em-all" service. In 2011 we experimented with the "call-em-all" service that allows us to record a set message and then phone that message to all of our families.

GRATUITIES

The Staff is aware of the no gratuity policy at Skylake. They are not expecting a gratuity and your assistance in not offering any gratuity would be appreciated. A kind letter either directly to an individual staff member or the staff as a group after your camper has returned home if you were pleased with the staffs' actions would be appreciated. This will also help us in evaluating the counselor's performance for rehiring.

*Thank you for giving us the opportunity, privilege, and joy of caring for your children at Skylake.
Please do not hesitate to contact us during the summer.*

*-Jeff Portnoy
Owner/Director*



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